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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

EASTER ECHOES

There were so many good reports ncerning Easter that we sent forth louble post card asking for answers a few items, excepting the item attendance. We sent 35 cards and ceived 19 answers. We had not con-lered record attendance at Easter news. It seems, however, that it s good news to many a pastor and ople and so the story was told ain in nearly all the replies.

We are interested to know the psy-ology of increasing religion in this eat festival. Is it due to a some-iat united Christendom in recogniz-g the great values of a period of ligious observance that calls for a lt in social and organized activi-es? Is it because of a sort of popular reement that one can be religious this time without avowed alleg-nce to the organizations or the eeds of present day christianity? Is the hope that at these occasions ie can be sure that he will hear me word that will satisfy the age ng query as to immortality and the ate of our loved ones who have assed over? Our hope is that it is ie latter. If so it should be a guide our ministers as to the lingering ope on the part of humanity that the urch has a message for those who ope for eternal life and that it can ive encouragement of reunion of earts that have been bound together ith loving bonds.

There were a few churches that re-lied that their reception of members omes at the May communion. Four-een reported accessions on or about Easter. First, Oakland, 36; Saratoga, 8; Pacific Grove, 20; Petaluma and Hayward, each 18; Pilgrim, Oakland, 7; San Lorenzo, 16; Olivet, 15; North, Berkeley and Pittsburg, each 12; Ala-neda, 10; Antioch, 9; Ceres, 6; Loomis, 3; a total of 220 reported by ard to this office. In all probability he total number of accessions double his figure with the unreported Ger-nan churches with their large con-irmation classes and those receiving nembers at the May communion.

It is a Sunday for special collec-ions and the records are not at all complete. These definite figures come o us—North, Berkeley, $570; San Mateo, $445; Campbell, $112; Broad-moor, $100. Cloverdale sent us a part of their Easter offering to go to the account of the San Carlos church, on the Fellowship Building Fund. We discovered also that the regular church collections must have been bountiful as we felt, at once, the abil-ity of the churches to send in their benevolence quotas. Our April receipts have been most gratifying.

Sonoma and Petaluma presented to large audiences the Cantata "The Dawning," and Santa Cruz the Can-tata "Eternal Love." Over fifty bap-tisms were reported, this number not beginning to show anything of the development of this increasingly beau-tiful custom.

These festival occasions show something of the potential strength of our churches in bringing out, for a day at least, the constituency of our churches, as well as the actual membership. And one must not forget the large "shut-in" group to whom the day is fragrant with the intense in-terest as they face the great beyond in the hope of reunion and the life everlasting. On this day they feel, as on no other day, their bond with the great community of believers.

ESTIMATES. vs. FACTS

	Actual Receipts		Normal Expectancy	
	—1927—			
Conference work	$28,061	46.6%	$29,996	52%
Foreign work	20,936	36.3%	17,305	30%
Home work	8,688	15.1%	10,384	18%
	$57,685	100 %	57,685	100%
	—1928—			
Conference work	$26,396	44.8%	29,435	50%
Foreign work	19,463	33.1%	17,661	30%
Home work	13,010	22.1%	11,773	20%
	$58,869	100 %	58,869	100%

CHAUFFEURING THE SUPERINTENDENT

A few times I have had the opportunity of accompanying the Superintendent on some of his various trips, and always was glad to do so, because I enjoyed seeing California. But they have invariably been rushed, as he had to hurry from one appointment to another without a moment's loss of time. So when he invited me to join him on a four-day trip into the southern part of the Conference, I gladly accepted, and thought it would be a pleasant, restful vacation for both of us, for he had only one definite appointment.

We left Berkeley early on Friday morning, and skimmed rapidly along until we reached Ripon, where we stopped to inspect the new addition to the church. It is a vast improvement, giving them fine Sunday School rooms; and arranged in such a way that all the rooms can be thrown together, doubling the capacity of the old auditorium. And while they had carpenters there, they also added big cupboards in the kitchen which surely will delight the ladies. We were told that people had been very generous in giving reductions on materials and labor, so that the addition will not be a financial burden to the church.

A few miles further on we stopped in front of the Salida church and parsonage. Both buildings are receiving a new coat of paint, so that they will be in fine shape for the Easter services.

A short drive further brought us to Ceres, where we made only a short stop, as we found Mr. Atkinson ill with a severe cold.

From Ceres we moved on quickly to Fresno. Often I had heard of Mr. and Mrs. Fukushima, and the wonderful work they are doing; but on this trip it was vividly impressed on my mind. As we passed Livingstone, the Superintendent told me that Mr. Fukushima covered a territory stretching from there to Delano, approximately 150 miles. As soon as we reached Fresno we started out to find him, and soon located him at the school, where he and his wife and one other young lady teach the Japanese language to American-born Japanese children. There must have been about forty children of all ages in the room, and the three teachers were kept busy. Mr. Fukushima told us that school would soon be dismissed, and asked us to join them in their new home. For many years they have lived over the church, but a short time ago the people bought them a nice brick home about two blocks away, and it must seem good to them to be able to "spread out" a little. Surely he is glad to have one nice room for a study, where he can have all of his valuable library easily accessible.

Of course we were hospitably entertained and served with rice cakes and tea; and then finding that we liked Oriental food, they insisted upon taking us to a Japanese restaurant for a sukiyaki dinner. And it was there that we disgraced ourselves; we don't usually eat so much!

Saturday morning I was shown our First Church, and also our Armenian Church. Then came a couple of calls, and a business appointment for the Superintendent. As soon as that was ended we started on toward Porterville, stopping en route to visit the German churches in Fresno. Mr. Zorn of Zion Church told us enthusiastically of the Easter Cantata which his choir is to give in English, and urged the Superintendent to return for that.

The big Cross Church was a great surprise to me, and I felt that I had wandered into an Episcopal church by mistake. It is an exceedingly attractive brick building, with a beautiful white chancel, with its altar. With such a big membership (1600) perhaps I shouldn't have been surprised at the size of the confirmation class; but I was amazed when Mr. Krumbein told us he had 80 young people in that—in spite of the ill health which he had been fighting for several months.

Not far out of Fresno we reached Fowler, and of course, saw the Armenian Church and school there. The school was in session at the time, but Mr. Manavian joined us at his home, where his wife served us a delicious luncheon.

Next came Tulare, with a call on the minister; when the prospect of a new auditorium was discussed.

And then Porterville, where we spent the night. I arranged to meet the Superintendent at church the next morning, but instead he routed me out early to have a short drive into the beautiful country surrounding Porterville. It was a fitting spot in which to spend Palm Sunday, as palms were on every side of us, wherever we drove.

The church service gave us the privilege of hearing Mr. Milliken, who has so successfully supplied there for the last three months. Through his personal contact, as well as through his inspiring and helpful sermons, he has won his way deep into the hearts of the people, and it is with sincere regret that they let him go after Easter.

Following the church service, The Superintendent had an important meeting with the members, at which they made definite plans for their future.

Then we started north again, with the same routine—calls or committee meetings everywhere for the Superintendent; beautiful scenery everywhere for me. One of us had a real vacation, the other had accomplished "part of the work" that he had wanted to do.—M. M. B.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

We have learned that some of the chosen delegates to the National Council will not be able to attend and it is possible that some of the alternates may not be able to qualify at this late date. If there are others who wish to attend we will be happy to help them to a delegateship. The dates are May 28-June 4. The travel fund of the Council is able to rebate to delegates about $70.00 to $80.00. Write to the Conference office promptly, if you wish to attend.

HONOR TO DR. GILL

Request has come to Dr. Gill from Dr. Burton in New York, asking him to be one of two speakers at the Sunday evening service in the church in Detroit, Chester Emerson's, where the National Council is to be held. We congratulate Dr. Gill on the appointment and rejoice with the Sacramento church in the pleasure it brings to them.

ASILOMAR! ASILOMAR!

Now is the time to plan your delegations for the summer Conference of Young People and the annual meeting of the Conference to be held at Asilomar July 26-August 2. Look for programs later. Plan NOW.

THE GUEST BOOK

Central in the literature of the Commission on Missions this year will be the attractive booklet known as "The Guest Book." The purpose of the book is to enlist a little army of readers who will from day to day in the month of October entertain a guest by reading a sketch of some particular worker in our world wide work. The book will have free distribution to those who are interested enough to enroll and promise to read the little daily paragraph or two that tells the missionary story. We will seek your enrollment on or about September 15.

HOWARD ALLEN BRIDGMAN

With great regret we note the passing of Dr. Bridgman who was editor-in-chief of The Congregationalist for the ten years, 1911 to 1921. The editor of this paper recalls a delightful week that we spent together at Estes Park, Colorado. One day we climbed to the rookery of John Timothy Stone and browsed around in his wonderful mountain fastness, finding him a genial host as well as getting light on methods of sermon preparation. Dr. Bridgman was a lovely companion and a delightful traveller. The memory of that week is freshened with the story of his service to our denomination.

WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL MATERIAL

HOW A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IS BORN

First there has to be a new town born. This one was San Carlos, on the Peninsula south of San Francisco. To begin with, real estate men spent a lot of money for paved streets and sewers. Then a long string of shops along the highway appeared, showing that business men had a hunch that population was coming. Neat stucco bungalows began to dot the vacant lots. A golf club up above on the hills gave a sense of "class." A schoolhouse full of boys and girls called loudly for a Sunday School. Roy Hoberger, Y. M. C. A. worker of Redwood City, nearby, started one in the schoolhouse. That is always the beginning of a church.

In years gone by three or four denominational superintendents would have started struggling church enterprises to see which would crowd the others out. That isn't the way things are done now. At the instance of R. J. Currie, the big-hearted pastor of the Redwood City Congregational Church, the "Comity Council" representing all the standard denominations looked the field over and agreed that it was the turn of the Congregationalists to go to the bat, in other words "allocated" the San Carlos field to them. That meant that others should hold off until we had a fair chance to show if we meant business and would do the job.

For a while things drifted along with different ministers holding Sunday evening services in the schoolhouse, by the kind permission of the school board on which were several Catholics. Then the Conference office asked Bryant C. Preston, a retired minister in Palo Alto who had had much experience in such matters, to take the work in hand. In a fortnight Preston knew everybody in town, got in the center of the business group, and had things humming. By the end of three months a score of people had signed up for a community church under Congregational auspices. By this time the Catholics also were on the field buying lots for a church. Their presence stirred the growing demand that we should do something P. D. Q.

Mr. Preston, knowing the claims on his time would not permit him to tie himself up to San Carlos, had an inspiration to the effect that Major Reed B. Cherington of Palo Alto was "just the man." With two or three others he descended upon Cherington on the Menlo Park golf links, where he was playing his weekly round with Chaplain Gardner of Stanford University. Then and there the idea of tackling the San Carlos enterprise was put up to him. "All right; if you men say I'm the fellow to do that job, I'm game."

Approval from the Conference Superintendent was cordially given, and on the following Sunday night Preston introduced Cherington to the little group of people in the San Carlos schoolhouse. When they woke up to the fact that the head chaplain of General Barrows' staff of the National Guard for the whole California regian and one of the heroes of the Argonne, was to be their first real pastor, they rallied about him with a will, and in a few weeks a church organization was formed with 21 members. Meanwhile lots were being selected and negotiated for.

The long months of carrying on in the schoolroom with its uncomfortable desks for the Sunday School and the evening service, with no place where even a social could be held, tested the qualities of faithfulness, and those who possessed them were foreordained to be the deacons and trustees and Sunday School teachers. Roy H. Hoberger, with all his other Y. M. C. A. irons in the fire, still kept the leadership of the San Carlos Sunday School. Mrs. Cherington, with her great record of Sunday School work in Oakland First Church, was by her husband's side every Sunday, driving up with him the six miles from Palo Alto. The Santa Clara Association at its next meeting recognized the church and endorsed the enterprise.

Dr. Minchin, the Conference Superintendent, having already backed an appropriation of $100 a month for the minister's salary, now revealed the fact that he had just been working out a new scheme by which the Conference treasury might act as a kind of building and loan association for a new church enterprise, and the San Carlos church with $1400 already subscribed on a $7000 proposition met all requirements as an ideal place to try it out, the church to pay about $40 a month for interest and amortization on a loan of $3000. As soon as the Directors had approved it the deal was closed for the lots, and a plan was made for a simple building. Materials and labor were donated on every hand and cash subscriptions poured in as the frame of the new building appeared on the landscape, until the amount locally raised approached $3000.

Major Cherington himself, no novice with the hammer and saw, was on the field long hours every day building himself into the structure. The enthusiasm was infectious as the people began to realize that the first social and religious center of their new town was at last taking shape. The dedication service was scheduled for March 3, the day before President Hoover's inauguration. The warm sun shone on autos coming from every direction bringing folks to the service. All the Congregational ministers were there from the entire region, and Dr. Minchin and Chaplain Gardner and Mr. Preston and Mr. Currie and the faithful workers of San Carlos and whole rows of boys and girls and many people from neighboring churches. The little building was crowded, everybody admiring the completeness and good taste of the furnishings and appointments. Major Cherington's face was beaming as he handed around printed programs and received congratulations on the commodious little building, completely furnished even to the pulpit Bible donated by a thoughtful friend. A Catholic lady had offered to sing a solo, and the spirit in which she did it spoke volumes in the way of friendly co-operation from that element. There never was a happier dedication service, and at the Easter Communion Service the membership of the church was swelled to forty-one. The work was launched, financed, and going forward with the finest possible spirit. In addition to the loan of the Conference's credit and the appropriation of $100 a month toward the minister's salary, $1250 was contributed by the people of the Northern California churches through their Fellowship Building Fund.—W. B. Thorp.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Formal announcement comes of a recommendation from the Home Missions Council, the Federal Council of Churches and the Foreign Missions Conference that we observe the fifth Sunday after Easter in each year as "Rural Life Sunday." It affords an opportunity to promote the Spiritual, Social and Economic welfare of the husbandman and his family. It should help develop the high importance of the country church and its place in the life of the people. This office will gladly help those who do not have the literature of the movement.

Sacramento—Our Sacramento church is very happy in being able to secure a full time director of religious education and young people's work in the person of Miss Ada Rose Demerest. Her services began on Palm Sunday.

Miss Demerest has had wide experience in many branches of religious education. For a time she was in the office of the International Sunday School Association and was registrar and publicity secretary in the Lake Geneva Training School. She was engaged in publicity work in Sunday Schools for the Near East Relief and then in field work for the Council of Religious Education in Ohio. For four years she was supervising teacher of the Berkeley week day church schools. She has been a teacher in community training schools and institutes, a lecturer at the M. E. M. Conferences, and instructor at summer camps for young people and adults in Southern California. She is author of two books, "Stories for the Junior Hour" and "Junior Pageants."

Santa Rosa—During the lenten period the Santa Rosa Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation united in a Vesper service held at the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal service was used, led by the rector, and the pastor of the Congregational Church spoke at the six meetings on the general subject of Great Hours in the Life of Jesus. The congregations were large enough to prove that one and one make more than two. As a result of these services the Episcopal Church has accepted an invitation to worship with the Congregational Church in the evenings for a period of a month, beginning with April 14th.

Cloverdale—About three years ago the Cloverdale Church started on a program of improvements and repairs to be worked out through several years, at an estimated cost of $2,500. Easter Sunday saw these improvements completed, so far as the Church building is concerned, but the cost rose to over $4,000, which was made possible by a loan and small grant from the Church Building Society. The ladies of the Church have superintended the work of recarpeting and refurnishing the Church, with a very delightful result. The carpet is a heavy dull gray, and the drapery a rich mulberry velvet. The repairs on the parsonage will be completed at an early date.

NEWSPAPER NEWS

The San Francisco Chronicle has recently brought us two items of news which may be of interest to our readers:

Martinez Burns Mortgage

Congregationalists are planning a ceremony next Sunday to mark the burning of a $660 note, which was met Easter Sunday by church members subscribing more than double the amount needed in a plea for financial assistance. Church executives were gratified when they found that subscriptions had totaled $1290.83, and announced that the excess over the amount needed to discharge a local note will go toward the meeting of an obligation of $750 due in June to the Congregational Building Loan Association on a $7500 loan. The loan was secured to aid the church in building its new $50,000 edifice.

Pastor's Wife Left $500,000

SAN RAFAEL, March 30.—News that she is about to share in the $417,000,000 estate left in England by her late great-grandfather, to the extent of more than $500,000, was received here today by Mrs. Jessie Temple, wife of Rev. O. M. Temple, pastor of the First Congregational Church.

Word was received from British attorneys.

Mrs. Temple explained she was one of 400 heirs of the late Christopher Worman, who died in England 100 years ago, leaving an estate consisting of 50 silk producing mills. By the terms of her great-grandfather's wil Mrs. Temple said, the estate was le in trust with the government for 10 years, at the expiration of which was to be divided among the heirs.

RESIGNATIONS

As we go to press, word comes the resignation of Dr. L. D. Rathbon For thirteen years the Superintender of this Conference, he retired fro the most exactive duties of admini tration activities to a worthwhile pa torate of over six years in Cloverdal He goes after having thoroughly r novated its property, and leaves th church in the position of strengt that it can call a strong leader.

Word also comes of the resignatio of Dr. Lewis A. Stark of Antioch After months of battle with the "flu. his doctors command absolute res for a long period. In the few years h has served this church, he has give to it all that he had. Those who speal of his ministry regard it as a fine bi of work, well done and left in exce lent shape for a successor.

Later word comes that Rev. Morse Dryer of Pacific Grove ten dered his resignation April 14. H has been with the church about thre years and a half during which tim the church has shown splendid growt and the benevolences a great lea forward. Mr. and Mrs. Dryer hav made a host of friends on the Mon terey Peninsular.

SANTA CRUZ CALLS DR. MAHOOD

Information comes to us that th church has called Dr. Heber St. Claire Mahood from our church in Hooc River, Oregon, and that he has ac cepted with the expectation of begin ning his pastorate with the first Sun day in May. He is Canadian by birth and a graduate from the University of Toronto, receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Munich. His abil ities include experience in dramatic readings, music and lecturing with ar abounding interest in the affairs o young people. Santa Cruz lost no time in electing a minister and the min ister arrives in time to make contacts with the tourist groups that flood the town in the summer season.

KINDS OF SMOKE

I estimate the passion of the sea
From the smoke of waves. From houses, too, the smoke
Betells the kind of fire within. 'Tis oak
That's burning here, and that! how cedary!
Pervasive as the rainlight! But that house smells to me
As if the cake were burning, and here's the choke
Of coal, which eucalyptus perfumes soak
In their clear sweet reaches, thoughtfully.
There are many people redolent
Of fires within them, some of coal,
Some of weeds, some of tarry driftwood.
I know for truth on the Rio Grande the scent
Of mesquite and juniper is one with the soul
Of Mexicans, a wispy careless shifthood.

PHILLIPS WRAY KLOSS.

A family in Palo Alto would be glad to give to some minister who would appreciate it a Prince Albert suit in good condition, size breast 36, waist 32. Address Rev. W. B. Thorp, Palo Alto.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

The Conference Office has just received from the Commission on Evangelism a small stock of Daily Devotions, Series 1 and 2, at 15c each; also the revised edition of A Book of Prayers at 5c each. This is in response to repeated calls for these books which we have not been able to fill hitherto.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

THE AVALON RETREAT

The Seventeenth Annual Retreat of ıe Pastors of the Southern Califor-ia Congregational Conference was eld at Avalon, Catalina, April first) fifth. It was the largest in point f numbers that has ever been held, ighty in all being registered. The act that Dr. Kenngott, Superinten-ent of the Conference, was unable) be present was felt by all to be a istinct loss. This is the first time in fteen years that Dr. Kenngott has ot attended.

Owing to threatened rain, the An-ual Picnic at White's Landing was iven up, but the ladies of the Avalon hurch served a very fine picnic lunch ı the church after the morning ses-ion.

The first session on Monday night vas full of fun and humor as every ne present introduced himself with ome witty remark. For instance, ightner said he was there "to lend olor to the Retreat," and MacDonald aid that his initials were J. A. M., ut in naming one of his children hey made a mistake for his initials were D. A. M. Rev. LaRue C. Watson, astor of the Avalon church gave the ddress of welcome and the Mod-rator, Rev. Perry Schrock, in his re-sponse said that he had been asked why they called this Conference a 'Retreat," and his reply was that the first time they ever came to Avalon it was a great "Treat" and every suc-ceeding time it was a "Re-treat."

Tuesday morning on Round Top, Dr. Roy Campbell led a most interest-ing discussion on "The Use of the Current Interest in Psychology as a Channel for Religious Expression." The evening was devoted to a discus-sion of "Church Unity," led by Dr. Frank Saunders of Boston. On Wed-nesday morning Rev. S. H. Woodrow delighted us all with the story of his forty years as a pastor. In the morn-ing paper had appeared the report of the proposed resignation of Dr. Fox from Pasadena First, and he was called upon to verify the report. In his reply he gave a very fine insight into his own pastoral experiences. Dr. Fox led the Wednesday evening meeting which was in memory of Dr. Campbell. He read parts of Dr. Camp-bell's last book, "Transplated Heath-er." Thursday morning was packed full of book reviews, conducted by Rev. Schrock, and the evening was devoted to "Problems of the Church," conducted by the younger men of the Conference. The final session was Fri-day morning when Dr. Robt. Van Kirk gave a "Browning" reading, and Dr. Hermon Swartz presented the results of the "findings" of the Commission on Recruiting. Altogether the Avalon Retreat of this year was conceded to be one of the best ever held.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. Easter, March 31st. This should be a day for ingathering of new mem-bers as result of the faithful work not only during the Lenten season, but for the months past. The Commission on Missions and our own Conference recommend two special offerings each year, one at Easter time for Confer-ence Work and Home Extension Boards, and the other at Thanksgiv-ing time for the Foreign Work. The Conference is in need of funds for its ever-enlarging work, and we desire to do our part for the National Exten-sion Work. These gifts will be count-ed on the regular Apportionment of the church unless designated for spe-cific objeect as an "extra," as, for ex-ample, for our Oriental and Mexican work, or particular new undertakings.

Last year our Conference gave for the Congregational Home Boards $23,-895, being 85 3-10 per cent of the Ap-portionment for the Home Boards. We stood second in rank of the per-centages, having come up from 67 8-10 percent and eighth in rank in 1927 to second in 1928.

2. Avalon Retreat, April 1st to 5th. Send in your reservation at once. Every pastor should attend. A fine program has been arranged. For par-ticulars as to arrangements see the "Pacific" for February.

3. Tax Exemption. Report promptly to your County Assessor, requesting exemption.

4. Forty-third Annual Meeting of the Conference with the First Con-gregational Church Pasadena; Young People's Section beginning at 4 p. m., Saturday, May 11th, closing Sunday afternoon, May 12th. The Conference begins its regular sessions on Mon-day, May 13th, at 2 p. m., closing Wednesday, May 15th, at noon. Pro-grams will be sent in due season.

5. Tenth Annual Young People's Conference, Pomona College, Clare-mont, beginning Saturday, June 29th, with registration in the afternoon; closing Saturday noon, July 6th.

6. Miss Bertha P. Reed, for twenty-six years missionary of the American Board in China, is available for mis-sionary addresses. Communicate with her directly at 511 West Sixth Street, Claremont.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORS

February 12, 1929.

The regular meeting of the Execu-tive Committee of the Board of Di-rectors of the Southern California Congregational Conference was held at the First Congregational Church, 845 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California, at 10 a. m., Feb. 12, 1929.

Members present: Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Rev. J. H. Hutchins, Mrs. G. H. Schulte, Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Mr. C. E. Spaulding, Mr. F. M. Wilcox, also Dr. George F. Kenngott, Super-intendent, and Rev. Paul B. Water-house, Extension Secretary.

Moderator Schrock called the meet-ing to order and led in prayer.

The reading of the minutes of the last monthly meeting was omitted.

Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report, showing an overdraft of $9,847.95 in the vari-ous treasuries. After discussion the report was received and ordered filed.

Bills: The following bills were ap-proved and ordered paid:

Warrant	$4,2922.55
Chambers & Son—Printing	22.75
Western Union Telegraph	19.72
Moving P. O. Takahashi (1-3)	43.69
Expenses of Dr. Kenngott to Cleveland	46.48
Insurance on Seeley Church	4.43

Pilgrim, Bakersfield: Communication was read asking that title to the par-sonage property and the Mormon property be placed in the name of the church in order that they might use the same in paying bills to the Church Building Society and others. **Voted:** To leave the matter in the hands of the Superintendent and Treasurer to investigate and report, with the recommendation that the title to the parsonage only be in the name of the church.

Mentone: Letter was read from Dr. H. C. Ide concerning conditions and work being done at Mentone. It is voted that the Secretary write a note of appreciation for the splendid work Mr. Ide has done in the past few years in furthering the interests in Mentone.

Conditional Gifts: The new rates adopted by the National Society were discussed and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee to report at the next meeting as to our adop-tion of such rates or similar ones.

Extension Secretary: Mr. Water-house gave a verbal report on Santa Maria area Japanese project, telling of the possibility that the Methodists, Christians and Presbyterians might join with us in Union Japanese work, the Methodists to pay the salary of the Bible Woman until September and the others sharing equally in the ex-penses. **Voted:** That we bear our share of the expense not to exceed $15.00 per month until September 1, 1929.

Bakersfield Chinese: In order to finance this Mission from month to month the Treasurer was authorized to advance the February, 1929, amount to Mr. Waterhouse to be held as a reserve fund to carry expenses there while the monthly amounts are being raised.

Avalon Retreat: The Finance Com-mittee was authorized to audit last year's Avalon fund so report may be given at the Retreat this year.

Travelling Expenses: Dr. Kenngott suggested the propriety of sending Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Buckham to the meetings of the National Council and the Mid-Winter Conference in or-der that they may be in touch with our national workers and plans. **Voted:** To refer to the Finance Com-mittee with instructions to report back their findings at the next meet-ing.

Missionary Grants: Application from Alpine was in for $25.00 for six months to Rev. A. B. Peebles, and on recommendation of the Committee was ordered paid.

Religious Education: Dr. Kenngott reported a meeting with other de-nominations in which approval was asked to the plan that instead of es-tablishing competing churches near the new University, we join with others in asking the Methodists to carry the united work for young peo-ple there for a time until it would be feasible to establish other churches.

New Work: Dr. Kenngott reported briefly for Bethel, San Bernardino, Santa Monica and North Wilshire.

Pacific School of Religion: A letter was read from Mrs. G. H. Schulte re-signing her position as Chairman of the Foundation Fund and after discus-sion it was voted that we accept same with regret, and that our Minutes show a statement of our appreciation of her fine work and her unselfish de-votion to this cause and hope that she may fully regain her wonted health in the near future. The Mod-erator appointed the following Com-mittee to find and appoint a succes-sor to Mrs. Schulte as Chairman of the Foundation Fund—Rev. E. D. Gay-lord, Mrs. J. H. Lash, Mr. C. E. Spaulding.

Dr. Kenngott reported a conference with Mr. Rulon in Cleveland and it was suggested that we might procure him to lead in the raising of this fund. **Voted:** That we instruct Mr. C. E. Spaulding, Rev. E. D. Gaylord and Dr. Kenngott to send Mr. Rulon a "Night Letter," offering $500.00 per month for three or four months with the alternate of a three percent com-mission if the entire amount is raised, with $750.00 travelling and hotel ex-penses for the entire time.

West Coast of Mexico: The Council of Religious Education reported that our share for the season's work in Mexico would be $200.00.

Apportionment Chart: Dr. Kenngott asked the advice of the Committee on the advisability of sending out a let-ter chart on the Apportionment. This was referred to the Committee on Benevolences with power to act.

Redondo Beach: Dr. Kenngott re-ported correspondence between the Redondo Beach Church and the Build-ing Society in which the Redondo Beach Church offered to pay the grant to the Building Society if they would release the mortgage. **Voted:** That we advise the Building Society to accept the proposition providing the church agrees to retain membership in the Los Angeles Association. If they wish to withdraw from the Association we advise asking three per cent straight interest on the Building Society grant rather than the seven per cent com-pound interest in the mortgage.

Calexico: Dr. Kenngott reported the Calexico people unable to continue services independently and their de-sire not to join at present with the Seeley organization. **Voted:** To leave this to the judgment of the Superin-tendent in working out some Union plan whereby services may be main-tained.

Voted: To adjourn until March 12, 1929, at 9:45 a. m., with Committee meetings at 9 o'clock.

(Signed) SAMUEL HITCHCOCK,
Scribe.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 12, 1929.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Califor-nia Congregational Conference was held on Tuesday, March 12, 1929, at the First Congregational Church, 845 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, Cal-ifornia, at 9:45 a. m.

Members present: Revs. H. V. Hartshorn, H. B. Mowbray, E. D. Gay-lord, P. F. Schrock, Wm. Forshaw, H. K. Booth, A. S. Donat, S. A. Nor-ton, H. F. Burr, Messrs. Fred M. Wil-cox, Ralph D. Brown, Mesdames Schulte, Doolittle, Richards, Wilson, Lash, Miss Gertrude Reid. Also Dr. George F. Kenngott, Supt., Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, extension secretary; Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, educational secretary, and Rev. Samuel Hitchcock, scribe.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, who asked Rev. Wm. Forshaw to lead in the opening prayer.

In the absence of Mr. C. E. Spauld-ing, Dr. Kenngott presented the fol-lowing bills, which were ordered paid:

Warrant	$3,766.07
Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, Attending meeting	2.55
Mrs. L. Wilson, Attending meeting	8.50
Rev. A. S. Donat, Attending meeting	13.00
Rev. Wm. Forshaw, Attending meeting	8.50
Cong'l. Ed. Society pamphlets	2.92

Finance and Real Estate: Dr. Kenn-gott announced for this Committee that the premium on the State Com-pensation Insurance had been paid and that any church could come in by paying $15.00 per year for their share.

Kensington Heights, San Diego: Reported that the Conference had in escrow papers for purchase of two (2) lots for $4,750 at the corner of Marl-borough and Jefferson Streets, San Diego, and that the Committee is ready to proceed with the building project. Mr. Riley, a contractor, esti-mated that the cost for building and furniture would be about $9,200. Architect Pierce estimated consider-ably lower than this, and it was de-cided that we should ask for bids. It was the recommendation of the Su-perintendent that we proceed with the building, borrowing $4,500 at the bank to be reimbursed from the Building Society funds when received. Adopted. The selection of a pastor for the church was left to the Committee previously appointed.

Japanese Union: Reported that the $25,000 mortgage was due and that the bank asks earthquake insurance in addition to the usual insurance, and after discussion it was voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to co-operate with the Commit-

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tee of three from the Extension Society who would confer with the Presbyterians and work out a plan by which this difficult situation may be adjusted. Committee: Rev. H. F. Burr, Judge R. D. Brown and Mr. Fred M. Wilcox.

Foundation Fund: Telegram was read from Mr. F. C. Rulon stating that he had accepted work temporarily in Akron and that he would accept our offer and begin work some time prior to April 1st.

Monrovia: Announced that the title to the property there had been offered to us under certain restrictions. Voted to authorize a resolution accepting same and appointing the Superintendent and Moderator to sign papers for this transfer.

San Ysidro: Bills for $360.50 assessment and $80.00 for retaining wall were ordered paid.

Big Bear: Voted $150.00 to Rev. Lloyd Darsie for services rendered last year prior to and after Mr. Donat's summer work.

North Wilshire: Voted that Miss Mabel Jones be given the surplus funds of the Sunday School, amounting to $53.58, should so much be needed (which had been turned over to the Conference Treasurer by Rev. Ray Eckerson, the former Superintendent at North Wilshire) to buy more furniture for the Primary Department.

National Council: Committee recommended that Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse be delegated to attend the National Council at Detroit, and Mr. Sidney Buckham be delegated to attend the next Midwinter Conference, provided passes are secured; the Superintendent to secure passes if possible, and other expense being paid by the Conference. **Voted:** That Dr. Kenngott also be instructed to attend the National Council with expenses paid.

Missionary Grants: Application from **Moreno** was reported received and also application from Yucaipa. The grant to Rev. Horace Porter for Moreno is $15 a month, beginning January 1, and Rev. Wm. R. Hewitt at Yucaipa for $25 a month, beginning January 1.

Church Building: Regarding the Graham Church, voted to recommend $2,500 grant and $2,500 loan when the plans and specifications have been approved by the architect, and when the application is presented in due form and the final arrangements approved by the Finance Committee.

New Work—North Wilshire: Announced that work at North Wilshire was to be reopened on Easter Sunday as Rev. Ray W. Barber had accepted the call and was beginning work at that time, driving out from Chicago.

Kensington Heights: Reported that the work there would probably be ready for July 1, 1929.

Santa Monica: It was the sense of the Board that we hold our allocation here and use the option as soon as we are financially able.

Benevolence: Mrs. Schulte reported correspondence from the Pacific School of Religion, stating that not nearly $1,500 had come in from So. California. **Voted:** To recommend to the Educational Society that a larger amount be sent to the Pacific School of Religion.

San Bernardino Bethel: Reported that acting under the advice of the Committee of the San Bernardino Association, repairs and renovations on the Bethel Church, San Bernardino, to the extent of about $1,000, were being carried out.

Women's Work: Mrs. Richards reported that the annual meeting of the Women's Board for Southern California would be held at Claremont, April 16th and 17th, and that Miss Helen Calder of the A. B. C. F. M. would be among the speakers.

West Coast of Mexico: Mr. Fred M. Wilcox reported a visit to San Diego and that the First Church had voted $5,000 as an extra on the apportionment to go toward the Mazatlan School, and that Plymouth Church, San Diego, had pledged $1,000. The following resolution was adopted:

> WEST COAST OF MEXICO COMMITTEE having reported the efficient and enthusiastic leadership of Dr. Roy H. Campbell in the raising of $5,000 added apportionment for this cause by his church; therefore,
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> BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby expresses to Dr. Campbell and his church their hearty congratulations and thanks for this good work.

Voted: To extend a vote of thanks to the Plymouth Church for their fine condition.

Dr. Kenngott read a report from the Book Room for the year showing a gain in receipts and profits.

Adjourned to meet April 9th for the Executive Committee and May 7th at 9:45 a. m. for the entire Board.

SAMUEL HITCHCOCK, Scribe.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND

The following letter from the office explains itself:

"We wish to advise that your compensation policy with this Fund will cover all of your direct employees. We understand that there are certain churches who are members and are not able to meet the salary of their pastors and that the Conference contributes a certain amount to those churches in order to enable them to make proper provision for pastoral services. On reference to your policy you will note that there is an endorsement which plainly indicates that employees of a church under these conditions are not covered under our policy. In our opinion the liability for such employees rests directly on the church, and if they desire compensation they should carry an individual policy, or if you desire that they be covered under our policy, it will be necessary that you advise us the name of the church, the amount of the payroll, and pay a premium on those employees, the minimum premium being $15.00 in each instance."

All churches should insure at once and may do so through the Conference Office in accordance with above statement.

CHURCH EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The Mayflower Congregational Church, 120 North Daly Street, Los Angeles, will probably disband in the near future, owing to the overchurched condition of the neighborhood and the inability to locate elsewhere because of comity arrangements. The building will be sold in the near future and the pipe organ, chairs, carpets, two pianos, kitchen and dining room furniture will be sold. Any organizations desiring any of the furnishings should communicate at once with the Conference Superintendent.

KERN ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING

The Kern Association of the Women's Missionary Society held its fifth Annual Meeting, at Maricopa, March 19. The theme for this year was "The Full Apportionment," and there was a full attendance of representatives from most of the churches in Kern County.

In the morning, after Mrs. E. B. Allen of Pasadena had struck the keynote of the meeting in her devotional service, Dr. John Howland, for forty years a missionary in Mexico, gave a wonderfully enlightening address on "Mazatlan and Environments." The rest of the morning was devoted to the "Apportionment," with a fine paper by Miss Mary W. Buss of Bakersfield on "Who"; a discussion of "Why" by Mrs. G. H. Schulte of Glendale; and "How," by Mrs. G. W. Kitzmiller of Orange. A monologue, "Her Morning Mail," by Mrs. Florence Deemer of Arvin, fittingly closed the morning session.

The afternoon was devoted to business, lightened by some special music by the Maricopa young people, and a pageant, "The Magic Key," presented by the ladies from Panama. At 6 p. m. a very delicious dinner was served by the women of the Maricopa church. The evening service was devoted to two addresses, one on "The Oriental Spirit of Loyalty" by Paul Waterhouse, the other on "Mexico," by Dr. Howland. Altogether it was a very successful meeting and much credit is due Mrs. Kitzmiller for the efficient way in which she planned and carried out the program.

COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Church organizations not carrying Compensation Insurance are operating in direct violation of the California Workman's Compensation and Safety Act.

Such insurance being mandatory, each church organization not insured should secure a policy immediately. Applications for this insurance may be obtained from the State Compensation Insurance Fund, State Building, Civic Center, San Francisco, California, or 925 Sun Finance Building, Los Angeles, California.

The rates are as follows: Pastor and assistants, organist and members of choir, 9c per $100.00 of earnings. All employees engaged in care, custody and maintenance of premises, 97c per $100.00 of earnings—each policy being subject to a minimum premium of $15.00.

ARE YOU BUYING A LANTERN

The Commission on Missions offers to help our churches in getting a delineascope at greatly reduced prices. For instance, Model D, which is the most popular machine can be had for $49.88 plus transportation. The regular price of this model is $66.50. Screens can be secured at a discount of 15 per cent and light bulbs at a discount of 10 per cent. For further information write Rev. Howell D. Davies, 19 South La Salle street, Chicago.

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EAGLE ROCKS

The Eagle Rock Congregational Church has sent young people to the Pomona Conference each of the three summers I have been pastor there. It has taken much persuasion to send a good delegation of young people of college age. Unless some went from older high school classes, the college students were not keen about making the sacrifice.

Last summer we were able to send two who were the infants of the conference. On their return they began a movement to make sure of going back next summer and taking more students with them. The students of college age organized a good class under a professor of Occidental College but lost their enthusiasm for the League of Youth. The young students from high school who were in Pomona last summer, stepped into the breach, reorganized the League of Youth with younger students and are doing a wonderful work for the high school age because of their work in the Pomona Conference.

We hope they can go to Pomona next summer and take others with them as they plan to do, and we hope every church will send students as young as the Conference permits, for our experience has shown that the quickest results for the good of our church youngsters has come from those who started early and are likely to go as many summers as they can.

F. O. WYATT, Pastor.

A UNIQUE BIBLE JOURNEY

Rev. Anton M. Hanson, pastor of the Glendale Congregational Church, is starting a series of "Journeys" in his Sunday evening service. When the "Journey" shall have ended, they will have climbed to the highest Bible peaks and gone down into its lowest valleys. They will have traveled from the beginning to the end of the Bible. Some of the topics are: "How Life Began on Our Earth"; "How the Hebrew Race Began"; "The Birth of a Nation"; "Through Law to Liberty." There will be twenty distinct stages on this journey.

FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. Frank C. Rulon of Cleveland, Ohio, who has been engaged by the Conference to direct the Forward Movement Campaign, is now in our midst to push the campaign with vigor and success. It may not be known just when Mr. Rulon will appear in any town, but it is desirable that all should know that he is in the work and that as time permits he will present the matter to the various communities.

DEATH

Mrs. C. E. Spaulding of 323 South Orange Drive, Los Angeles, died Sunday, March 17th. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family in their great bereavement.

COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement exercises of Pacific School of Religion will be held in the Holbrook Library of the School on the evening of Thursday, May 2, at 8 p. m. The Commencement address will be delivered by Rev. Henry Kendall Booth, D.D., Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Long Beach. His subject will be "Magnifying Our Ministry."

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